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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CONTAGIOUS DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various contagious diseases are prevalent in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any awareness campaign in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts made by the Government to check spreading of such contagious diseases in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b): Contagious diseases such as measles, diphtheria, whooping cough, cholera, acute diarrhoeal diseases, viral hepatitis, enteric fever(Typhoid), phenumonia, tetanus, rabies, leptospirosis, syphilis and gonococcal infection are prevalent in different parts of the country.

As far as leprosy is concerned it has been remarkably reduced, which is evident from the trend in decrease in leprosy new case detection. The Annual new cases detected in the country has come down from an estimated 4,82,000 in 1983-84 to 1,39,252 in 2006-07. During the year 2007-08 (till February'08) 1,24,885 new leprosy cases were detected in the country, the state-wise of which is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Yes sir.Under the programme intensified IEC activities are being carried out by the government through local and mass media.

Several National Programmes like NLEP,National Aids Control Programme,National Immunistion programme etc in collaboration with State Governments are being run to check the spread of various contagious diseases.Under NRHM also,through the strengthening of delivery system, spread of these diseases is being contained.